GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT/EXPORT OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the value of spices imported/ exported during each of the last three years;

(b) the names of such spices along with the countries to which the spices were exported; and

(c) the details of export policy of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) The value of spices imported/ exported during each of the last three years is given below:-

Year	Value of spices exported (Rs. crores)	Value of spices imported (Rs. crores)
1997-98	1466.82	131.83
1998-99+	1758.02	293.58
1999-2000++	1861.03	79.00+++

\+ Provisional
++ Estimated
+++ Data pertains to the period April to December, 1999.

Source: Spices Board/ DGCI&S, Calcutta

b) The major spices exported to various countries are pepper, chilli, ginger, turmeric, cardamom, coriander, cumin, celery, fennel, fenugreek, garlic, curry powder, mint oil, spice oils and oleoresins etc. The country-wise exports during last three years are available in the monthly bulletin/ annual numbers of the foreign trade statistics published by DGCI&S, Calcutta, copies of which are supplied to the Parliamentary Library.

c) As per the Export Policy of the Government, all spices are freely exportable.